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SUBJECT: DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS) WORKING GROUP:
US INTRODUCES DRAFT VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES

REF: GENEVA 1646

1. PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY IN INSTRUCTIONS CONVEYED STATE
48280, USDEL TABLED INTERAGENCY - AGREED DRAFT DBS
PRINCIPLES WHICH WERE CIRCULATED AS UN WORKING PAPER
MAR 12 P.M. (TEXT PASSED IN ADVANCE TO UK, CANADA, FRG,
SWEDEN, USSR, JAPAN, BELGIUM AND AUSTRIA).

2. U.S. REP MAR 13 A.M. DELIVERED GENERAL STATEMENT
DERIVED FROM INSTRUCTIONS AND REFLECTING SOME MAIN ELEMENTS
IN PRINCIPLES. HE SAID THAT US DRAFT REPRESENTED APPROACH
CALCULATED TO BRING OUT BROADEST AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST
AND UNDERSTANDING RE DBS RATHER THAN ACCENTUATE DIFFERENCES
SOME OF WHICH VERY UNLIKELY TO BE OVERCOME IN NEAR TERM.
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MAIN OBJECTIVE, HE CONTINUED, SHOULD BE TO MAXIMIZE POTENTIAL

BENEFICIAL USE OF TECHNOLOGY BY ALL STATES. WITH THIS IN MIND, PREMATURE AND RESTRICTIVE APPROACHES SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

3. REITERATING STRONG OPPOSITION TO PRIOR CONSENT, US REP DEVOTED SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF STATEMENT TO ANALYTIC CHALLENGE OF PRINCIPLE. HE ASKED STATES WHICH SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE, AND WG AS WHOLE, TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY SERIES OF QUESTIONS REGARDING ITS POSSIBLE APPLICATION, INVOLVING INTER ALIA TOTAL VETO OVER PROGRAMMING, SELECTIVE CENSORSHIP AS PRICE FOR GIVING CONSENT OR PRETEXT FOR DENYING IT, AND POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ARISING FROM INVOCATION OF CONSENT PRINCIPLE OR TRYING TO DEVISE SELECTIVE EXCEPTIONS TO IT.

4. US REP STATED THAT UN BODIES CONCERNED SHOULD SEEK TO ENSURE THAT IF DBS EVER DEVELOPED INTO OPERATIONAL SYSTEM, ALL PEOPLES HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM ITS USE. OPEN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS, TO WHICH US CONTINUES TO ATTACH HIGHEST IMPORTANCE, SHOULD BE REAL "TWO-WAY" EXCHANGE; THUS SHARING IN POSSIBLE DBS BENEFITS SHOULD INCREASINGLY INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS TO USE OF TECHNOLOGY (ELEMENT IN US PRINCIPLES). DBS SHOULD PROMOTE COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL ACCORD BY ADDING TO PEOPLES' UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER.

5. DEL HAS RECEIVED MANY VERY FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON SPEECH AND ON PRINCIPLES, ALTHOUGH SOME COMMENTS OBVIOUSLY INSPIRED BY HOPE US WILL NOW MOVE FURTHER, IN SPITE OF CLEAR ASSURANCE IN US PRESENTATION WE WOULD NOT. NEARLY ALL OTHER DELS HAVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT WE ARE NOW WILLING TO TABLE "MORE CONSTRUCTIVE" ROLE IN DBS WG, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT AGREE WITH OUR APPROACH. PARTICULAR FORMAL AND UNFORMAL COMMENTS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS REPORTED SEPTEL.

6. COPIES OF US SPEECH HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND MAILED TO PARTICIPANTS IN AIRLIE HOUSE CONFERENCE. DALE

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